2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

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Credentials of representatives to the Conference

Final report of the Credentials Committee

1. Rule 3 of the rules of procedure of the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons provides:

> "The Conference shall establish a Credentials Committee composed of the Chairman and two Vice-Chairmen elected in accordance with rule 5, and six members appointed by the Conference on the proposal of the President. The Committee shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Conference without delay."

2. In accordance with rule 5 of its rules of procedure, the Conference unanimously elected Abulkalam Abdul Momen (Bangladesh) as Chairman of the Credentials Committee and Ogtay Ismayil-Zada (Azerbaijan) and Steffen Kongstad (Norway) as Vice-Chairmen of the Committee.

3. In accordance with rule 3 of the rules of procedure, the Conference, on the proposal of the President, appointed the following countries as members of the Credentials Committee: Czech Republic, Mauritius, Republic of Moldova, Turkey, Uganda and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

4. At its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 6 May and 11 May 2010, the Committee examined the credentials received thus far. The Committee had before it two memorandums from the Secretary-General of the Conference dated 5 May and 10 May, containing information on the status of the credentials of the representatives of the States parties attending the Conference. Pursuant to the request in rule 3 that the Committee report to the Conference without delay, at the 9th plenary meeting on 14 May, the Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, introduced an interim report of the Committee to the Conference (NPT/CONF.2010/CC/L.1).

5. At its 1st meeting, on 6 May, the Committee noted the information relayed by the Secretary-General of the Conference and requested the Chairman to invite those States parties that had not yet done so to submit to the Secretary-General of the Conference the credentials of their representatives, in accordance with rule 2 of the rules of procedure. The request of the Committee was communicated to the States parties by means of a note by the Chairman (NPT/CONF.2010/INF.7). Delegations

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which had presented no written communication were contacted directly to remind them of the terms of rule 2 regarding the presentation of their credentials.

6. At its 3rd meeting, on 26 May, the Committee had before it a memorandum from the Secretary-General of the Conference, providing updated information on the status of the credentials of the representatives of States parties participating in the Conference.

7. Having examined the information contained in the above-mentioned memorandums, and the other credentials it received subsequently, the Committee noted that, as at 25 May:

(a) Formal credentials in due form, as provided for by rule 2 of the rules of procedure, had been received by the Secretary-General of the Conference for representatives of the following 98 States parties: Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Colombia, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of);

(b) Provisional credentials for the representatives of the following 74 States parties had been communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference by means of a facsimile communication from the Head of State or Government or Minister for Foreign Affairs or by means of a note verbale or letter from the Permanent Mission concerned: Afghanistan, Albania, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Botswana, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, China, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Haiti, Iraq, Jamaica, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Montenegro, Mozambique, Nauru, Nepal, Niger, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Republic of Moldova, Rwanda, San Marino, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe;

(c) The following 18 States parties had not submitted any written notice that they were attending the Conference, or their credentials: Burundi, Chad, Democratic

People's Republic of Korea.[1] Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominica, Gabon, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Kiribati, Palau, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Somalia, Suriname, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

8. On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee agreed to accept the credentials of all of the participating States parties referred to in paragraph 7 (a) and (b) above, on the understanding that the originals of the credentials of the representatives of those States referred to paragraph 7 (b) would be submitted as soon as possible, in accordance with the terms of rule 2 of the rules of procedure.

9. At its 3rd meeting, the Committee unanimously adopted its report to the Conference.

[1] Announced its withdrawal on 10 January 2003. The legal status of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea as a State party is uncertain.